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The papers to be presented before the congress will cover the general field of engineering and will be published in ten volumes.

The papers in general are intended to treat the various topics in a broad and comprehensive manner and with special reference to the important lines of progress during the past decade, the present most approved practises and the lines of present and future development.

The general fee for membership in the congress is \$5, which will entitle the member to receive the index volume and any single volume of the transactions he may select, together with the right of participation in all the general activities and privileges of the congress. The committee of management must know at the earliest practicable date the number of members in the congress. Effective plans in regard to the publication of the transactions, as well as all arrangements looking toward the proper ordering of local affairs during the week of the congress, require this information.

It is expected that there will be arranged a number of excursions to points of engineering and general interest within practicable reach of San Francisco, and every effort will be made to enable visiting engineers to inspect personally such engineering works as are especially typical of engineering on the Pacific Coast. Further information of general interest and importance regarding the congress will be given publicity through the technical press, and to all subscribers notice will be sent containing more complete information as to papers, sessions of the congress, excursions, travel routes and itineraries, hotel rates and accommodations, and other matters of importance.

Mr. W. F. Durand is chairman and Mr. W. A. Cattell is secretary of the committee of management, the address of which is Foxcroft Building, San Francisco.

#### EDITH JANE CLAYPOLE

THE following minute in memory of Dr. Edith J. Claypole, who died in March, as a result of infection incurred in the preparation of typhoid vaccine for the armies of Europe, has been adopted by the Science Club of

Wellesley College. It has also been embodied in the minutes of the Academic Council:

The Science Club of Wellesley College records its sense of loss in the death of Edith Jane Claypole, a charter member of the club, its first secretary, and active both in its foundation and in its early conduct. Descended from a father who was himself a distinguished man of science, and receiving her early education at home, she was by inheritance and training exceptionally fitted for the line of work to which she chose to devote her life. She early exhibited unusual capacity for research; in the field of cell-studies and pathology her many papers are evidence of her power of achievement. As a teacher she opened the eyes of her students to the beauty and significance of living things, revealed to them the method of science, and inspired them with the high nobility of its aims. Members of other departments recognized the open-mindedness and appreciation that marked her attitude toward all branches of scientific activity. As a physician she early became interested in preventive medicine, and to its advance she devoted herself without reserve. Through her researches in pathology, particularly in certain obscure cases of infection and in typhoid immunization, she won distinction, and in the application of these researches to the needs of humanity, she has now crowned her service with the gift of her life. Her charm of manner and winsomeness of spirit, with a strong and wholesome nature, quick and tender in its response to the needs of others, and her unfailing steadfastness in friendship, endeared her to large circles. We, the members of the Science Club, express our sadness in the loss of a comrade, and our appreciation of her service to science and to humanity.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Civic Forum Medal of Honor awarded annually for "distinguished public service" has been presented to Mr. Thomas A. Edison.

DR. ABRAHAM JACOBI was the guest of honor at a dinner in the Hotel Astor given by the physicians and officers of the Bronx Hospital on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday.

At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, held on May 12, at its house, 28 Newbury Street, the following officers were elected:

*President*, Henry P. Walcott; *Vice-presidents*, Elihu Thomson, William M. Davis, A. Lawrence